



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Suzanne Marie Noakes  
Group Art Unit : 1653  
Applicants : Chandrika Govardhan et al.  
Application No. : 10/749,962  
Confirmation No. : 2164  
Filed : December 31, 2003  
For : HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE CRYSTALS AND  
METHODS FOR PREPARING THEM

New York, New York  
February 5, 2007

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO AUGUST 4, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to an August 4, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for filing

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this response for three months, up to and including February 5, 2007<sup>1</sup>. This response is, thus, timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification begin** on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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<sup>1</sup> The shortened statutory deadline for responding to the Office Action expires on February 4, 2007, a Sunday. According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, this response is timely filed on the next succeeding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday.